

WILL HAVE GREAT HIGH SCHOOL RALLY

People of Morrisville Greatly Interested in Cause of Education.

NOTABLE MEN TO SPEAK

Girl Wears Announcement of Meeting in Corsage at Sunday-School Picnic.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MORRISVILLE, Va., October 6.—The history of the early struggles of the Morrisville High School is a story that has been told and needs no recapitulation here. Its present progress is serene and steadily upward, while across the path of the future the sun of imperishable faith at the midday meridian casts its brightest rays.

The pioneer of the new educational movement in Fauquier county, if not in the State, Morrisville has witnessed many enthusiastic and successful gatherings to advance the cause of education; but none to compare to the grand educational rally to be held here at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, October 13th, when many of the finest speakers on education will be present to counsel with and address the people, and possibly to study the methods that have made this school unique among public institutions of learning; and, with it as an example, show to other sections of the State how even the poorest and weakest communities can improve their schools if the citizens will lay aside all petty dislikes and grudges and social jealousies and work together for their common good.

County Superintendent C. W. Marshall and the school trustees of Lee District are expected to be present at this grand rally in the interests of the school of which they feel so proud. Indeed, it is said that Hon. Julius P. Fisher, secretary of the Board of Trustees, never visits a school but what he holds up the Morrisville High School as a model to be patterned after by all.

Dr. Robert Frazer, who was present at the birth of the Morrisville High School, will receive an enthusiastic reception from the people who long for the opportunity to show their appreciation of his past valuable assistance to the school.

Another speaker in whose appearance much interest is manifested is Hon. C. G. Mappin, of Charlottesville.

An illustration of the interest all classes take here in the cause of education was shown by Miss Lella Allen, one of Morrisville's prettiest and most popular young ladies, wearing a band of the meeting on the corsage of her dress all day at a recent Sunday-school picnic near Leta.

HAVE A FINE SCHOOL.

Lancaster Graded and High School Opens.

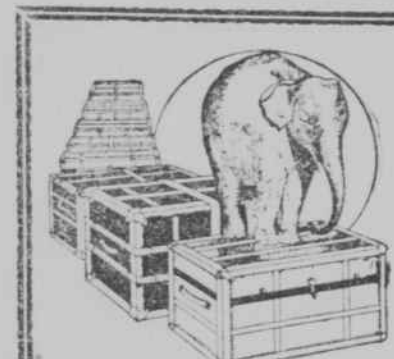
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LANCASTER, Va., October 6.—Lancaster graded and high school opened this week with very flattering prospects, and promises to be the best institution of its kind in the Northern Neck.

Mr. Frank P. Brent, of Richmond, Va., principal, with Miss M. Sue Mitchell, of Essex county, as assistant. Mr. Brent has been so widely known and so long connected with the educational work in Virginia that his presence is a safe guarantee of the success of the school, while Miss Mitchell comes with a wide experience also, having taught in the Ashland high school for some years.

The authorities expect to enroll more than fifty students with a full course, both in the grammar and high school grades, and the school promises to be of great benefit to the young people of the county. Many coming from points too remote to return here at night are boarded in the village.

Lancaster is on a boom.



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How We May Advance Cause of Education

Prof. F. V. N. Painter delivered a very practical address before the Botetourt Normal College in June last, on "The Educational Needs of Virginia." These were the six reasons given and fully discussed by Dr. Painter:

"1. The first reason I give for an active interest in education is found in the fact that it increases power.

"2. A second reason for improving our schools and school attendance is found in the fact that education awakens and develops talent.

"3. Another reason for doing all in our power for popular education is the fact that it enriches life.

"4. Again, we should strive to strengthen our public-school system because it exerts a salutary moral influence on the young.

"5. Again, we want to improve our schools and keep our children in them because it is a paying investment.

"6. Once more, it is important to improve our public schools in order to arrest the tendency to leave the farm and to move into town."

Dr. Painter, after discussing each of these topics, concluded:

"How is the cause of popular education, to which we are urged by so many weighty considerations, to be advanced? I answer, by local interest and local contributions. The educational problem of Virginia, the most important one with which it has to deal, can be solved only by local taxation. This is the method chiefly relied on in those parts of our country where education has received the highest development. In Massachusetts, for example, the annual expenditure for public-school education is \$14,700,000, of which all except \$15,000 is raised by local taxation. New York expends annually

\$27,000,000 on its public schools, of which \$23,000,000 are derived from local taxation. Taking our country as a whole, we find that more than three-fourths of the public-school fund is derived from local taxation. Of the \$3,000,000 expended on the public schools of Virginia, about one-half is derived from State taxation and one-half from local taxation.

"How much remains to be done by local taxation before Virginia reaches the educational development to which she is entitled is made apparent by a table of expenditures furnished by the United States Commissioner of Education. Massachusetts expends annually \$22 for the education of each child; New York expends \$19, and Pennsylvania \$16. The amount annually expended in Virginia is about \$10. When the comparative wealth of these different States is taken into consideration it will be found that we are contributing almost as much on our assessed valuation of property as the citizens of Massachusetts or New York. But at the same time it is obvious that we must increase our school fund, making local taxation for a time, if need be, burdensome to the point of self-sacrifice.

"Our educational needs are great; the interests involved are vital to the highest welfare and prosperity of our State. But when the people fully understand the situation I believe that they will act. Let them see what the welfare of their children and of the State requires, and we shall soon have better schoolhouses and longer school terms. Our schools of every grade will be filled with eager learners. Our boys and girls will enter the race of life on an equal footing with their competitors, and our proud Commonwealth will know a prosperity, abundance and power that are in keeping with the splendid traditions of the past."

The Kindergarten and Its Work

These letters on the kindergarten by primary teachers are copied from the monograph written for the Paris Exposition by Miss Susan E. Blow.

"Kindergarten children are alert and active, with eager, questioning minds and eyes that see and note everything. They know how to use their hands and how to talk, and are lovable and sympathetic. They come to the primary room happy, self-confident and talkative."

"Entering school from the kindergarten the children have already learned their social relations and their obligations to their companions. Hence from the first there is an absence of shyness and fear, and a school made up of kindergarten children is a delightful social community. This trait, if rightly and firmly dealt with, leads not to disorder, but to right school spirit. I have not found it more difficult to tone down this trait than to arouse it as it lies dormant in other children."

"Kindergarten children give so much better attention, follow directions so much more readily and apply themselves so much more diligently than they progress much more rapidly than other children. Their work is always well done and they do all the work given them, particularly what is known as busy work. A great deal of time is saved in this way and the discipline of the school is made much easier."

"The most important characteristic of my kindergarten children was their high moral tone. There was among them goodwill and helpfulness. They were more easily controlled than other children by an appeal to reason or honor. For little children, they had a very quick perception of right and wrong."

"The kindergarten child observes more quickly and with greater accuracy. He is methodical in thought, and consequently, in all expression, oral, written and manual. From an ethical standpoint, he is superior to the non-kindergarten child. In all ways he is more intelligent, more

nearly the being his Creator meant him to be."

"The majority of the kindergarten children have been more anxious to work. They have had more confidence in their ability to do what is required of them, and have showed more perseverance in conquering difficulties. Their work has been cleaner, neater and arranged in a more orderly manner. Their power of concentration is much stronger. Their creative power is also much more highly developed. Through their games and talks they have acquired more knowledge of the world about them, which knowledge has been of much help to them in their new work, especially in reading, writing and drawing. They have learned to write more readily, and they have clearer ideas of number. Their love of the beautiful and power of appreciating beautiful thoughts have been much greater."

High School In Gloucester

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HAYES STORE, Va., October 6.—The high school at Hayes's Store, opened Monday, September 17th, and is doing excellent work. The board was so fortunate as to secure the following teachers: Fred M. Parrish, Jr., graduate of William and Mary College, assistant; Miss Etta Lewis and Miss Blanche Hodge, graduates of Blackstone Female Institute, and Miss Margarette Wayne, of the State Normal School, Farmville, Va. With the above corps of teachers the patrons predict a most successful session.

The school building at Hayes's Store is as good, perhaps, as in any rural district in Virginia, consisting of four large rooms, well lighted and ventilated. The rooms are furnished with the most improved boards, maps, charts, etc. The patrons take great interest in the school, and are thoroughly aroused to need of universal education.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY.

Session Opens Auspiciously, With Overflowing Attendance.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRYAN VISTA, Va., October 6.—The Southern Seminary began its thirty-ninth session last Thursday, with a record-breaking attendance in the boarding department for the opening day, and young ladies have continued to come ever since, till the institution is taxed beyond its equipment in this department.

The most striking and significant thing about the patronage is the magnificent personnel of the student body. The institution has for years had a reputation for this, but this year it has surpassed its own high standard in the class of young women who compose its student-body. Students are enrolled for this session from Arkansas on the south to Michigan on the north.

Among the old pupils arriving this week were Miss Martha Jones, of Monterey, daughter of Hon. C. P. Jones, late rector of the University of Virginia; Miss Blanche Mathews, of Monterey, the daughter of Capt. C. Mathews, clerk of Highland County Court; and Miss Kathryn Kezell, daughter of Senator George B. Kezell, of Blacksburg.

The Virginia Tech. will be issued for the first time this year on Saturday.

The Tech. is a weekly paper published by the General Athletic Association, devoted to news of sports and college affairs generally. Mr. L. T. Holt is editor-in-chief, and F. C. Boley is the business manager. The Gray Jacket, the monthly magazine published by the Lee and Maury Literary Societies, will be mailed to subscribers on the 10th of October. W. P. Hostwright and W. H. Ulrich are the editor and business manager of the latter publication.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS RAISING SCHOOL FUND

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EMORY, Va., October 6.—The campaign now being conducted in the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South, by Rev. J. O. Straley in order to raise seventy-five thousand dollars for Emory and Henry College, although initiated but a short time ago, is already well advanced. Twenty-one thousand dollars have been subscribed in small sums, which represented much sacrifice. The annual conference meets next week at Cleveland, Tenn. It is hoped that the movement will receive added impetus at that time.

Power Reduced.

"He started away with sixty horse-power," related the new member of the automobile club.

"And what power did he return with?" asked the other members.

"One horse-power."

"What? Do you mean to say one horse-power would move that big machine?"

"It had to. The farmer had only one old plug he could spare when the machine broke down twenty miles from the nearest repair shop."—Chicago News.

"Did you say you were looking for work?" asked the farmer. "Well," replied the educated hobo, "my grammar is rusty, but that's what I was looking for—some time ago."

The Special Days at the State Fair

The following Special Days have been decided upon for special ceremonies in connection with State Fair Week:

Tuesday, Oct. 9, Opening Day

Fair will be formally opened in the presence of State and city officials.

Wednesday is Military Day

The visiting military from other cities, including the State of North Carolina, will be present. Many thousands of soldiers will be present. Grand parade and competitive drills.

Saturday, Tournament Day

Thursday is Richmond Day

General holiday in Richmond. Schools will be closed and special and extraordinary attractions will be the order of the day at the Fair Grounds.

Friday, Governor's Day

Governors from neighboring States, with their staffs and military escorts, will be present. Ceremonies appropriate to the occasion at the Fair Grounds.

Grand Tournament will take place at the Fair Grounds. Knights from all sections of Virginia will strive for prizes and to crown their lady.

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NEW BUILDINGS AT BLACKSBURG

Completion of the Agricultural Hall Combines Under One Roof All the Branches.

OTHER CHANGES TO BE MADE

Dormitory and Mess Hall to Be Built for Young Men Engaged on College Farm.

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BLACKSBURG, Va., October 6.—The completion of the new agricultural hall of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the combining under one roof of the various branches of the department will effect several changes in the buildings on the west end of the campus. Plans are on foot for tearing down the present creamery and rebuilding it as a dormitory and mess hall for the young men who are employed in the actual work of the college farm. The creamery will also be torn down and the two brick buildings now used by the department will be renovated for use by other departments of the institute. The removal of these frame buildings will extend and beautify the campus, now one of the prettiest in the State.

Work on the new fermenting and storage cellars is being pushed forward as rapidly as the weather and the scarcity of labor will permit. These are located near the east end of the new hall and are constructed after the latest and most approved plans. All this work is being done under the supervision of Dean A. M. Bowd of the department, whose work in the interest of the farmers of Virginia is meeting with such favor throughout the State.

The Institute Library, located on the ground floor of Academic building No. 2, has been thoroughly overhauled during the past year. The books have been catalogued and arranged conveniently for reference, racks for magazines and newspapers put in place and the room now presents an attractive appearance. This work is in charge of an experienced librarian, Miss Mary C. Lynch, who is assisted by her assistant, Miss Anna Murrill, of Blacksburg.

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AUGUSTA TEACHERS.

Large Attendance Upon Interesting Session of Convention.

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STAUNTON, Va., October 6.—Nearly 20 teachers, both male and female, met here Thursday in annual convention of Augusta county teachers. Superintendent E. O. Peala called the convention to order, and Rev. Dr. W. N. Scott, of the Second Presbyterian Church, offered prayer.

Captain Richard S. Ker delivered a cordial and hearty welcome address. Following Captain Ker, Mayor W. H. Landes delivered a welcoming address on the part of the city. This address was

responded to by Mr. J. S. Thomas, district school examiner.

In the absence of Hon. J. G. Engleton, Dr. Robert Frazer, field agent of the Southern Educational Association, and former president of the State Normal School, delivered a lengthy address.

He contended with much persuasion that the teachers must first create interest in the pupil, then quicken its interest and then continue afterwards, persistently to direct and shape it to the most proper and beneficial ends. He said that one of the principal duties of a teacher is to qualify himself to train the curiosity of his pupil into a thirst for knowledge, and vitalize the conscience of such pupils as seem to haunt the school room with badness and mischief. His address was listened to with much interest.

The next speaker was Rev. J. N. Van Deventer, which was short, but to the point.

"Organization Among Teachers" was discussed by Miss Margaret Fallon.

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